the figures separately in each year during the years of 1118, 1119 and the last quarter of 1117 and the 1st month of 1120;

(*b*) the T.As. and D.As. paid by the Government to (*i*) Superintendents (*ii*) Assistant Secretaries (*iii*) Secretaries for attending the camp Offices of the Diwan and the Minister during the periods specified above in (*a*) in various parts of the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E., *(Secretary to Government):*

		T.A. (Ry., Fare)	*D.A.*
(*a*)	Last quarter of 1117	Nil	Nil
	1118	Rs. 5—6—0	Rs. 0—12—0
	1119	Nil	Nil
	1st month of 1120	Nil	Nil
(*b*) (*i*)	1117	Nil	Nil
	1118	Rs. 9—10—0	Rs. 5—0—0
	1119	Rs. 9— 3—0	Rs. 1—8—0
	1120	Nil	Nil
(*ii*)	1117	Nil	Nil
	1118		
	1119		
	1120		
(*iii*)	1117	Nil	Nil
	1118	Nil	Nil
	1119	Rs. 37—8—0	Rs. 11—0—0
	1120	Nil	Nil

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to give separate figures in each case in the case of the Diwan, the Minister &c?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Secretary to Government):* A separate question may be put for that. We have not got details.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to give this before this Council is over?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* There is no opportunity for that.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. K. S. KRISHNASWAMY IYENGAR, CHIEF JUSTICE

300. Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to answer.—

the terms and conditions of appointment of the present Chief Justice Mr. K. S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Mr. K. S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court for three years on a salary of Rs. 2,000 per mensem. He is also to be provided with rent free quarters.

ADVOCATE-GENERAL—PAY OF

301. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how long had the present incumbent of the Advocate-General's Office been holding the present post;

(*b*) what was his standing at the Bar when he was appointed Advocate-General;

(*c*) what is the Advocate-General's pay in Cochin;

(*d*) what is the pay of the Advocate-General in Madras and Travancore?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) He has been holding the post from 2nd Meenam 1115.

(*b*) He had put in 18 years 3 months and 29 days at the Bar when he was appointed as Advocate-General.

(*c*) Rs. 250-30-400 (plus an allowance of Rs. 100 now for duties as Censor and Press Advisor).

(*d*) The Salary of the Advocate-General in Madras is Rs. 1,500 and in Travancore in the scale of Rs. 800-50-1,000. The post is non-pensionable both in Madras and Travancore.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the duties allotted to the Advocate-General here in Cochin are not actually much in excess of the duties allotted to the Advocate-Generals in other places?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I cannot say that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Advocate-Generals there are not allowed to appear against Government?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Probably with the sanction of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the last portion, answer to sub-division (*d*) the post is non-pensionable both in Madras and Travancore and here it is pensionable, may I know, Sir, whether the Advocate-General of Cochin will be able to get the full pension according to the service book?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He may not get.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are we to take it that he will be given the pension proportionate to the number of years of service he has put in.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* According to the C. S. R. rules he will get pension.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Government aware that in the case of Advocate-General the pension would not be anything more though he is selected from the senior most members of the Bar occasionally and their retiring period will be over within a few years of their appointment. The result is their pension will not be anything much high.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It may be so.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattanchari):* Is the Government aware whether the Advocate-General in Travancore is not being paid as a Puisne Judge?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Judges of the High Court are paid Rs. 1,000 and the Advocate-General Rs. 800—50—1,000.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does not the Advocate-General there get more pay than the District Judges.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think so.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the same scale of pay should not be adopted in Cochin.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* One difference between Cochin and Travancore as I answered in Cochin it is pensionable while in Travancore it is not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether there is any assisant attached to the Advocate-General's Office here?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of the fact that there are four Sirkar Vakils attached to the Advocate-General's Office in Travancore for doing the work of the Judicial Courts?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not know the exact number.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Advocate-General of Cochin has not to appear in all criminal revision petitions and appeals.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He has to attend to all work in the High Court.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that in Madras it is the public prosecutor that appears in such cases?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not know. I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether here the Advocate-General's qualifications and status are not the same as that of a puisne Judge of the High Court?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He should have the same qualification.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What about status?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Status is not defined in the Act. With regard to qualification it is defined.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is his function here? Is it to treat him as a Puisne Judge or something else?

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Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : He has got the status of the Head of a Department.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I asked a pointed question has he got the status of a Judge of the High Court. If he has not, why not say that ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : I do not exactly understand what you mean by status.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the Advocate-General of Cochin is not the legal adviser to the Government of Cochin ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know whether the Government of Cochin will be pleased to allow a salary to the Advocate-General commensurate with the status of the Legal Advisor of the Government of Cochin ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Government will certainly consider that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: This question of considering has been going on. To a question put in the Vrischigam Session it was answered that the matter will be considered.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : Government will certainly consider the work and status in fixing the salary of the officer. That was what I answered in the Vrischigam Session.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of provisions contained in the Government of Cochin Act, that the Advocate-General of Cochin is the Legal Advisor, will the Government be pleased to consider the necessity, not the desirability of raising his pay to something befitting that status of his.

Mr. President: That is a suggestion. It is not a request for information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: It can technically be got over like that. May I know whether the six immediate predecessors of the present incumbent who were Advocate-Generals, *viz.*, Messrs. C. A. Kunjunni Raja, Thomas Manjuran, V. D. Ouseph, T. S. Narayana Ayyar, etc., did not retire as Judges of the High Court ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : Yes,

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the present incumbent has any chance of going to the High Court.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I will not say he has none.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the Government be pleased to see that he is given.

Mr. President: That again is a request for information which obviously cannot be in the possession of the Government.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Is it because the post of the Advocate-General is pensionable that the pay is comparatively low ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I think so.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Does the Government think that the Advocate-General's pay is in keeping with his status ?

Mr. President: That is a request for an expression of opinion.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Has not the work of the Advocate-General increased since his pay was first fixed. Is it not time for the Government to revise the pay of the post ?

Mr. President: That suggestion will receive consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that in Madras and Travancore the Advocate-Generals, they are not members of the Legislative Council.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: They are not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is not the position of the Advocate-General of Cochin as a nominated member of this Council in addition to the work that is given to him under the Constitution Act, pages 34 to 36 running to 15 items of work. Is it not an addition to what is allotted to him ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: He has been given the privilege of addressing the House under the Act. He being a member of the House has to do it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I have taken not of that. One of the 15 items is to address the House when called for by the Government.

Mr. President: Order, order, the Hon'ble Member is expounding the Constitution Act.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am showing the hollowness of the position.

Mr. President: Question time is not intended for that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Advocate-General is only here to perform function No. 14 mentioned here.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He is here as the Advocate-General and a nominated member of the Cochin Legislative Council.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is he not in charge of the Law as far as council work is concerned?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He is.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is that the same function as No. 14 mentioned here?

Mr. President: I suggest to the Hon'ble Member that that form of cross-examination is not consonant with the dignity of the House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* To keep up the diginity of the House may I know whether the question of giving a salary befitting his position will be considered by the Government at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. President: That again is another suggestion, of which the Government will take due notice. Question time should not be used for the purpose of making these suggestions.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there is not a Government pleader in Madras to conduct civil cases?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Advocate-General here functions as Government Pleader also in the High Court?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He appears in the High Court as Advocate-General. He is in charge of the Government cases there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is he in charge of the work of the Government Pleader?

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is merely repeating the cross-examination made by the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether all of his predecessors were not given the maximum?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)* I cannot say definitely.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ അഡ്വക്കേറ്റ് ജനറലിനെ നിയമിച്ച അവസരത്തിൽ ഹൈക്കോടതിയിൽ ആദ്യത്തെ ഒഴിവുവരുമ്പോൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് കൊടുക്കാമെന്നു് അന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു പ്രതിജ്ഞ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഓർമ്മയുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു പ്രതിജ്ഞ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിവില്ല.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether he is drawing the maximum now.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

LEVY OF EXCISE DUTY ON ARECANUT

302. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) അടക്ക കൃഷിക്കാരുടേയും അടക്ക വ്യാപാരികളുടേയും എത്ര ഹർജികളും മെമ്മോറിയലുകളും സങ്കടനിവേദനങ്ങളും ഇതിനകം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലേക്കു കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) അടക്ക കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ സങ്കടങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ക്രമങ്ങമായി അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടാണോ കൊച്ചിയിലെ അടക്കകൃഷിക്കാരെ നിശ്ശേഷം നശിപ്പിക്കാൻ പര്യാപ്തമായ പുതിയ നികുതി കൊച്ചിയിൽ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയതു്;

(സി) ഇവിടത്തെ അടക്കാകൃഷിസമ്പ്രദായവും ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഇന്ത്യയിലെ അടക്കാ കൃഷി സമ്പ്രദായവും ഒരു പോലെയാണെന്നാണോ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ധരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്;

(ഡി) ഈ പുതിയ നികുതിമൂലം കവുങ്ങുകൾ വളരെ അധികം ഓരോരുത്തർ അവരവരുടെ തെക്കു പറമ്പുകളിൽനിന്നു മുറിച്ചു നീക്കം ചെയ്യുന്നതായി ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

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